

Tableplots: Brief Description

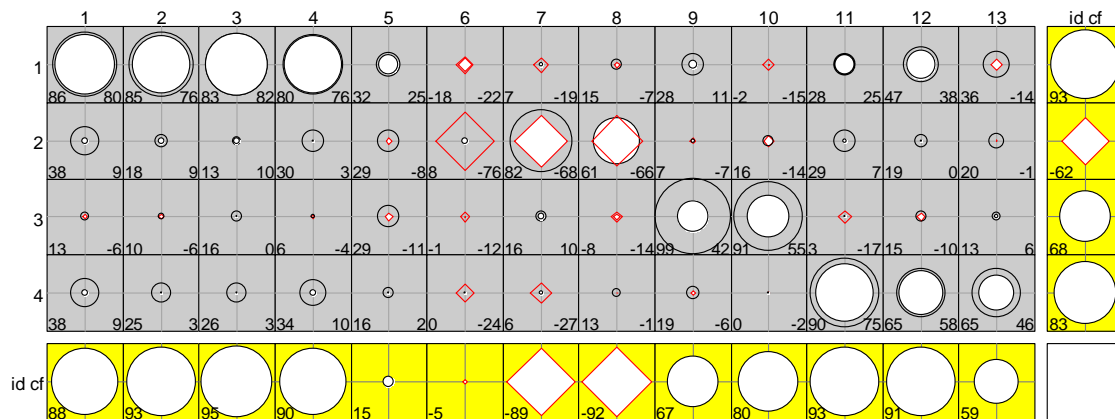
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In factor analysis tables are always used to represent factor pattern matrices. Tables, however, are notoriously inadequate for understanding trends in numbers. For example, it is difficult to assess the degree of replication between the two estimated factor patterns from Linehan et al (2006).

Factor	Variable												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	.86	.85	.83	.80	.32	-.22	-.19	.15	.11	-.15	.25	.38	-.14
2	.38	.09	.13	.30	.29	-.76	-.68	.61	-.07	-.14	.29	.19	-.01
3	-.06	-.06	.00	-.04	-.11	-.01	.16	-.14	.99	.55	-.17	-.10	.06
4	.09	.03	.03	.10	.02	.00	-.27	.13	-.06	-.02	.75	.58	.46

Factor	Variable												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	.80	.76	.82	.76	.25	-.18	.07	-.07	.28	-.02	.28	.47	.36
2	.09	.18	.10	.03	-.08	.08	.82	-.66	.07	.16	.07	.00	.20
3	.13	.10	.16	.06	.29	-.12	.10	-.08	.42	.91	.03	.15	.13
4	.38	.25	.26	.34	.16	-.24	.06	-.01	.19	.00	.90	.65	.65

A tableplot (Kwan, 2007) is a display that supplements each cell of a table with a symbol proportionate to the |cell value|; black circles for positive values, red diamonds for negative values. This figure superimposes the tableplots of the factor patterns, greatly facilitating the assessment of replicability. The display is also augmented with a row (column) of identity coefficients that quantify the degree of replicability in the cell values for a variable (factor) across the two tables.



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